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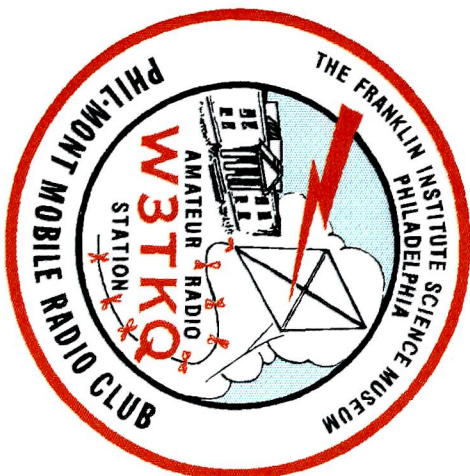
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Amateur Radio License Examinations - the first non-holiday Thursday of every month at The Franklin Institute Science Museum—doors close at 6:30 p.m. - **SHARP!**

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 Repeater frequencies: 147.03 MHz (Roxboro input requires no PL)
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 Packet BBS frequency at W3TKQ: 144.99 MHz
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STATIONS

W3QV - 147.03 MHz. Repeater - 8200 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee W3BBB
 W3TKQ - The Franklin Institute Science Museum, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee W3PWG
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NET SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	09:30	147.030	MHz FM	"SUNDAY MORNING 2 METER NET"
	10:00	28.993	MHz SSB	"10-ON-10 NET"
	10:20	3.993	MHz SSB	75 METER NET
TUESDAY	20:00	147.030	MHz FM	CW PRACTICE NET
LAST WED	20:00	147.030	MHz FM	W3TKQ OPERATORS' NET

**APPLE BYTES**

Don Gordon, WB3KOJ

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Rose Gold (XYL K2ID)
Frances Powell (XYL N3GPT)
George Starks - AA2FU
- 02 Bob Wilcox - KE3CZ
- 03 Jon Verlin - KA3VVU*
- 09 Cheryl Eckert (XYL N3LMX*)
- 13 Jon Balch - W3KG
- 15 Karen Lenczynski (XYL KA3EIP)
- 16 Susan Starks (XYL AA2FU)
- 17 Lee Kovnat (XYL WB3JUA)
Eileen Weigand (XYL AA3EP)
- 18 Marion Bubeck (XYL K3GNM)
- 19 Babs Clayton (XYL K3HIE)
Bill Mescanti - WB3CMM
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- 25 Ronald Johnson - N3ZO*
- 27 Susan Markowitz (XYL N3IZZ)
- 28 Bob Schmilewske - K3KUD
- 30 Vira Johnston (XYL K3VXU)
Bill Kane - N3OOL*
Steve Mezey - N3OWS*
- 31 Jim Faries - W3AOA
Fred Reichert - KA3BET

*Indicates New Member - 1993

HELP PHIL-MONT

Are you planning to join ARRL or renew your current membership?
 Help P.M.R.C. by joining or renewing through the club...contact our new Treasurer
 (not as pretty as the last one) Dave Witkowski - N3KGG for details.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

With your December *Blurb* you received your Dues Invoice & Directory Information Sheet. Please verify the information and return it, with your dues. TO:
 DAVE WITKOWSKI, N3KGG, 730 GREYMONT STREET, PHILA. PA 19116
 Your early reply will facilitate the publishing of the 1994 P.M.R.C. Directory.



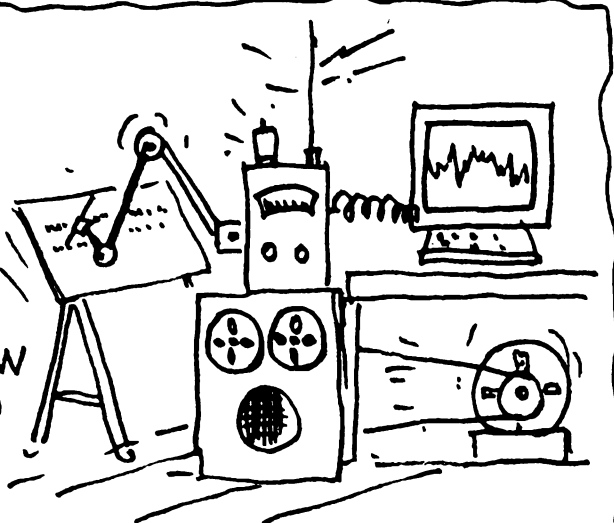
NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

CALL:	N3OLK	CALL:	N3PDP
NAME:	Herbert Scott	NAME:	Tracal Top
HANDLE:	Herb	HANDLE:	Tracal
CLASS:	Technician	CLASS:	Technician
ADDRESS:	756 Carpenter Street Philadelphia, PA 19119	ADDRESS:	2411 South 3rd Street Philadelphia, PA 19148
HOME PHONE:	(215) 848-8175	HOME PHONE:	(215) 339-8465
BUSINESS PHONE:	(215) 668-5614	BUSINESS PHONE:	
OCCUPATION:	TV Operations Technician	OCCUPATION:	Student
INTERESTS:	Directory, Blurb	INTERESTS:	Archives

"DON'T TAILGATE... WAIT"—for the courtesy chime!

**Sam's
KATTY
KORNER**

**DON
WB3KOJ
IS VERY
HAPPY
WITH HIS NEW
SIMPLIFIED
COMPUTER**



The PREZ SEZ Ed Masarsky, KB3IV



Welcome to the **NEW** year. This applies not only to the calendar, but to the **NEW** year for Phil-Mont.

Hello to our **New** officers (and old ones too.) We also have **New** office designations, First V.P. and Second V.P. I want to thank all the members who voted at the December meeting, and those who requested absentee ballots so that they were also able to participate. This is the only way we can bring the **New** to Phil-Mont.

Many **NEW** activities, that didn't take place last year, are being planned for 1994. Field Day, contests, Paddlerama, 45th anniversary, transmitter hunts, and more. What **New** ideas do you have?

Look at this month's cover. How do you like our **NEW** logo by N3QIE? A lot of time and effort has gone into the design, selection and execution of the logo. Thanks to all who participated.

All these **New** things are great

and exciting, but what about the past, the history, the good old things we always did? Nothing has really changed. We are coming full circle. Paddlerama isn't really **NEW**, neither is Field Day or transmitter hunts or contests, although we have newer members who have never experienced any of these things, and even some longtime members too. It's **NEW** to them. I hope all who enjoyed these things in the past will encourage others to take part.

Let's get back to that **NEW** logo. It's going to look great on a jacket, hat, patch, decal and anything else we can think of to put it on. But what about the old logo? It's still with us, just check the center-fold calendar. I don't think we will ever really retire "Gumbaudi." There's room for both.

I wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year, and hope to see many more of you at Phil-Mont's activities in 1994. I expect to hear the following many times this year:

Hey Phil-Mont, what's **NEW**? ♪

UPCOMING

Jan 5 **General Meeting Program:
Interfacing Your World—Digitally**

Paul Bergsman, N3PSO

Jan 6 License Examinations at
The Franklin Institute

Jan 19 Directors' meeting at
N3GLU & KB3IV's

Feb 2 **General Meeting Program:
The Future of High Definition
Television in the Philadelphia Area**
Robert Ross, N2OML, of KYW TV

Feb 3 License Examinations at
The Franklin Institute

Feb 16 Directors' meeting at
N3KGG's

Mar 2 **General Meeting Program:
A W3TKQ Tour
plus videos of its construction
and dedication.**

Mar 3 License Examinations at
The Franklin Institute

Mar 16 Directors' meeting at
N3FTC & WU3I's

Apr 6 **General Meeting Program:
A Double Feature!
Phil-Mont Does Dayton**
(the original 1984 masterpiece)

~ and ~

the premier showing of the its sequel,
**Phil-Mont Does Dayton II—
The Next Generation**

Apr 7 License Examinations at
The Franklin Institute

Apr 13 Directors' meeting at
N3GMH's

May 4 **General Meeting Program:
ARRL Night with
Kay Craigie, WT3P**

HAMFESTS

Jan 23 LANCASTER, PA
Columbia Area ARC

V.E. TEST LOCATIONS

Confirm all information, in advance, with the contact person. Licensed applicants must bring a their original license and one photocopy of it. All applicants, including children, must present positive ID. Also bring the original, and a copy, of any Certificate of Successful Completion needed to prove current status. **The ARRL VEC's 1994 test fee is \$5.75; there is no charge for a Novice test.**

Monthly, 1st Thursday
The FRANKLIN INSTITUTE
Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q
(215) 482-0386
(215) 879-0505

Monthly, 3rd Thursday
BELLMAWR, NJ
Bill Helmatag
(609) 546-7710

Irregularly
BRYN MAWR
Bob Lees
(215) 265-6032

Monthly, 1st Saturday
LEVITTOWN
George LeNoir
(215) 943-4886

Quarterly—January 27
LINWOOD, PA
The 96 Over The Hill Gang
Russ Stafford, AA3CH
(215) 859-9210

Monthly, 3rd Thursday
MORRISVILLE
Dave Munson, NM3K
(215) 788-7515

Monthly, 1st Monday
POTTSTOWN
Warren Erdman K3ZXQ
(215) 679-5764

Monthly, 3rd Monday
TELFORD
Warren Erdman K3ZXQ
(215) 679-5764

Monthly, Last Saturday
UNIVERSITY OF PA
Garrett Klein, WZ3G
(215) 898-8538 shack
(215) 222-8752 home

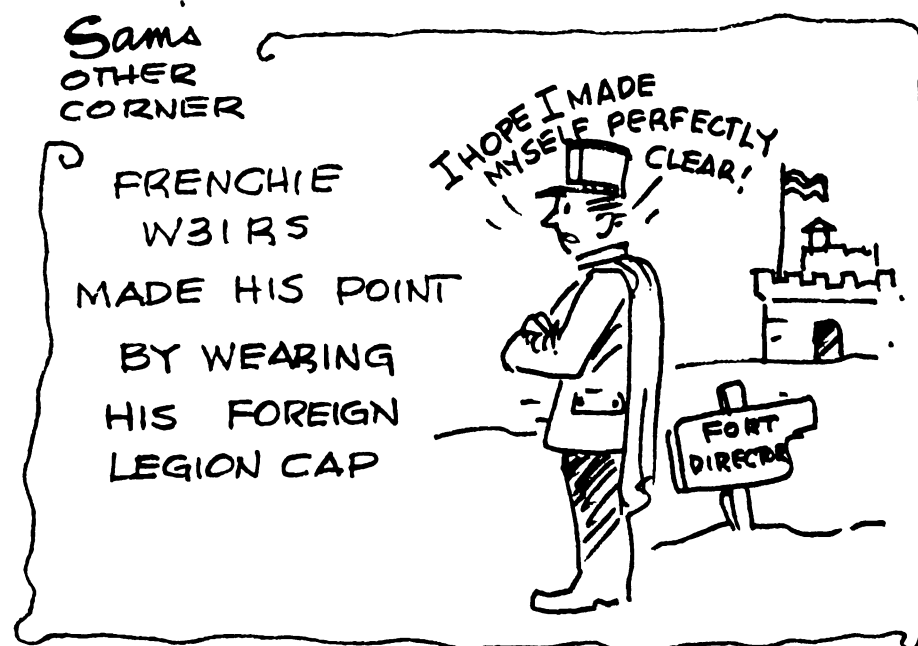
Odd Months, Last Wednesday
WARMINSTER
Tom Michaud, WA3TQJ
(215) 343-3494

back to ham radio." He certainly has repaid it, tenfold!

He also enjoys his active role in the Army MARS program, something he has done for 37 years, and from Sept. '68 to Sept. '88, he was State Army MARS Director.

His wish for the future of amateur radio is that "we would clean up our act on the air." With regard to profanity he said, "it is a bad image to ourselves, it lowers our prestige, it lowers our position. It is

nine months following a serious car accident several years ago. He could not believe all the time and effort Phil-Monters took to send him cards as well as visit him. He describes it as "touching." He also shared with me his hopes for the club's future. "I hope PMRC continues as it has been going in recent times. I am extremely pleased with the projects in which we are involved, that seek to help along new, younger blood. I think that what we are doing now is a wonderful thing, as we are



nothing but negative."

Being a member of Phil-Mont for what he determines to be just one year after it was chartered, he has held various offices in the club. He has been involved in everything from CW, DX, contests and phone, to the present day digital communications at which he claims to be only a novice. Frenchy's fondest memory of Phil-Mont is when he was in the hospital for

getting the younger element and women involved in Phil-Mont to the extent we never have before."

Frenchy has always been a kind, helpful person from all the times I have heard or spoke with him. His generosity is only bested by his genuine faith in people. Amateur Radio can bring the best out of people, Frenchy brings the best out of Amateur Radio.

Phil-Mont Pro-Phile

Imagine, if you will, having a history book that could not only give you facts, but was an actual part of the history it teaches.

We, the members of Phil-Mont, have the opportunity to learn the history of our club, and the amateur radio hobby, from our fellow club members. With the cooperation of a few of our senior members, I hope to be able to contribute articles that will not only be informative about those members, but will open our eyes to how far we have come, and what lies ahead in our future.

So you Phil-Monters who have been with the club and/or the hobby for a while, be prepared. You may be the next "Phil-Mont Pro-Phile."—KE3CZ

Charles A. "Frenchy" Andrews, W3IRS

by Bob Wilcox, KE3CZ

Frenchy was born on April 2, 1921, in Clermont-Ferrand, France. His parents, Marthe and John, were also from France, thus it does not take much to figure out why the nickname "Frenchy."

He married his wife, Louisa, in 1950, and they have two daughters and six grandchildren. He is also quick to point out that he has two sons-in-law as well.

His first amateur license was received in 1937, and, as he had no station equipment of his own, it was a Class B (General Class) operator license. He did not receive his Station License/Callsign, until April 20th, 1940. He made his first contact that same day with W3HHM on 40 meters CW.

In October of 1940, Frenchy entered the U.S. Army, and was a Radio Operator/Gunner for the 70th Tank Battalion, Medium Tank Outfit. Following his one year tour, he came back to the Philadelphia area where he went to work for WPEN-AM as a temporary engineer.

Not many of us younger hams realize it, but when war was declared in 1941, amateur radio privileges were suspended. Some amateurs remained on the air by being active in the War Emergency Radio Service (WERS), a Civilian Defense program.

Frenchy was recalled to active duty, and served proudly with the 70th. He also served detached duty in North Africa with the Free French Army, which was commanded by General Jacques-Philippe Leclerc. Because of his fluent french, he assisted in familiarizing the French soldiers with the American tanks they were provided with. By the time he was given his wartime service-connected disability discharge, he was a Second Lieutenant with the 2nd Signal Service Battalion.

From 1950 to 1958 he also served in the U.S. Air Force Reserves as a Communications Officer, and was discharged with the rank of Major.

Frenchy remains in contact with his comrades from the 2nd Signal Service Battalion via their net which is held every Wednesday on 7190 LSB at 11 a.m. local time.

In 1946 he was again employed by WPEN as a transmitter engineer. He also worked in the master control room, and was a transmitter supervisor when he retired in November of 1973.

Some of the things that he enjoys the most about the hobby is being a volunteer examiner (VE). He states, "I have derived so much satisfaction, that I feel I owe it

MINUTES

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Steve Hoch, WU3I, Secretary



KB3IV opened the 528th general meeting at 7:48 p.m. Ed thanked Elaine Spencer, XYL of W3BBB, for arranging for the refreshments in the absence of N3FVI (gone hunting). Those who participated were Eunice Bohlander, XYL of W3VVS, Phyllis Thomas, XYL of W3QZO, Jackie Chedeville, XYL of W3GQD, Elaine Spencer, XYL of W3BBB, and Joanne Hoch, N3FTC.

W3IIN reported that, with the end of the year looming, the treasury never was so good. However, Jinny stated that she and Jack had not taken their vacation yet. At meeting time there were 41 members with '94 dues paid, and 22 donated to W3TKQ. PMRC sent a donation to the Samaritan Hospice in memory of AK2I.

AA3BB had new member packages for; N3PDO, KA3WVT, N3PVO and KD6VYT. Badges were in for KE3GS, N3NJJ and N3OWJ.

WU3I reported on W3TKQ. The Wyman ATV unit is back in place and working well. The new BBS software is installed and is working well. Just a few bugs to iron out, and we will have a training session on how to enter NTS messages and print them out for our guests. The bad news to report is that the KAM and computer in position 5 have been tampered with. I request that the operators contact me with any problems, and document them as best as possible as to finding any causes that are not from the operators. Please do not change any of the

settings in the KAM or the communications software in the computer. A plea was made for a box of computer paper, and at the end of the meeting I was told one would be delivered right to the station. It arrived on Thursday.

KB3IV requested all members to review the directory listing they received in this month's *Blurb*, and send any changes to WB3KOJ. Field day to be coordinated by N3IEI. Now is the time to plan, and Chris has some definite ideas. Contact Chris if you wish to participate. Net controls are doing well. Thanks to all Net Control Ops for 1993. Special thanks to W3HFX for 10M every week.

W3BBB (in a rare appearance) reported that the brag tapes have been redone, and the repeater is still healthy. [Sorry we asked!—ed.]

W3VVS, for the TVI committee, recommended to "Keep your cable TV connections tight."

KB3IV thanked KA3WWK for the P.A. system operation.

N3PWT thanked all the membership for being made to feel welcome by all the hams on the repeater.

N3KGG for Welcoming, reported on attendance. There were 40 members and 8 guests present. The guests were; Paul Foster, Karen Foster, Rita Jakubow, Tracal Top-N3PDP, Maureen McCloskey, Tom Maresca, Elaine Spencer and Chris Hoch.

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THE W 3 TK K Q REPORT

Dear Santa,

Please send a six-meter rig, a six-meter beam antenna, a 1.2 GHz module for the Icom 970, a 1.2 satellite antenna, a uhf mobile rig, and fix everything that breaks during the year. We've been good, we exposed thousands to amateur radio, volunteered hundreds of hours, and helped with many public service events.

Although we have been good, a letter to the North Pole won't keep W3TKQ from deteriorating to the condition it was in before the rebuild. Only steady funding and hard work will keep 'TKQ running.

To realize Jake's dream of being a "state of the art station, operating all bands and all modes" will require more funds yet, and donations from manufacturers. Unfortunately we don't have AK2I to write letters to each and every company, and to raise funds as only he could. So please, if you can, contribute \$7, or more if possible, to the W3TKQ fund, as requested with your dues. Contributions are tax deductible. Contact KB3IV, WU3I, or me for tax deduction information, or if you have any fund raising ideas.

The amateur television transceiver is back in operation, and the picture is better than ever due to some improvements to the ATV repeater. The rest of the equipment has been holding up well, considering that some of it is on 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Unfortunately, maintenance costs will probably go up as the gear gets older.

Sorry to din with fund raising talk. I promise not to do it again this year.

73, and I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year!—*Bill Popovic, N3FVI*

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N3NLR handled the 50-50. The winning ticket was drawn by Elaine Spencer, and the winner was N3PDO.

K3KUD, with help from KE3CZ, handled the Awards chores this year. Many thanks to the two Bobs. This year's honorees were: WU3I-*Phil-Monter of the Year*; KB3IV-*Leroy Hauser Award*; AA3EP-*George Weed Memorial Award (W3KN)*. *Certificates of Appreciation* to W3STW, and the team of WB3KOH & WB3KOJ.

W3BBB was introduced as the Judge-of-Elections. The election followed and the results are:

President KB3IV

1st Vice President WU3I

2nd Vice President W3STW-47 (KD4PWG-8)

Secretary KE3CZ

Treasurer N3KGG

Directors W3IRS-44 & AA3EP-32 (K3KUD-31)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. ☺

about, and found no trouble except with the TenTec Omni VI. The original correspondence with TenTec and KB3IV will be in touch with them to arrange repairs on the OMNI VI. There has been some concern on the operator's license class, and the original rule was modified to the station control operator on duty must posses a General class or higher license or the station will not be opened. A new indicator system for the map is in the works. We are still working on a computer display for the beam indicator. There will be a training session for all positions in the near future for the newer volunteers as well as those who wish a refresher. There will be a training session for entering NTS traffic on the NEW packet-BBS as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS

1994 meeting calendar has been confirmed and approved.

AA3BB displayed the jackets and paperwork for the board on the proposed PMRC jackets. They will be showed at an upcoming meeting. The costs are very attractive as is the product.

W3IIM brought up the 45th anniversary "Celebration," and the President has to make some calls.

N3KGG has requested to be removed from Welcoming, citing other duties (treasurer). KB3IV released him.

KB3IV appointed K3KUD, W3IIM and W3RM as directors.

W3BBB made the motion to close the meeting at 10:35. W3RM seconded. The race to the goodies was on. ☺

'Directors' minutes' continued from page 7

610 form as of 1/1/94.

KB3IV, WU3I and N3FVI reported on W3TKQ. The voice mail system can and will be soon setup in a menu system to allow faster access to those calling. We are looking for a dual band 2m/440 transceiver for the station. The Kenwood line was tried and gets a lot of intermod. Any info or loaners to try would be appreciated. There was a private party on the 4th floor on 12/14, and the station was requested to be manned by the client. KB3IV and WU3I manned the station, and while there, ran checks on all the equipment there have been complaints

104TH MONTHLY VE SESSION STATISTICS DECEMBER

16 candidates pass 23 elements
7 new amateurs plus 4 upgrades

VE team members:

Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q, Chairman

Russ Stafford, AA3CH; Bob Wilcox, KE3CZ; Barb Levine, AA3DV; Niel Leone, W3FZR; Steve Hoch, WU3I; Frenchie Andrews, W3IRS; Jon Verlin, KA3VVU

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MINUTES

DECEMBER DIRECTORS' MEETING

Steve Hoch, WU3I, Secretary

KB3IV opened the meeting at the home of N3FVI at 8:23 p.m. Attending were; N3FVI, N3GMH, W3RM, KB3IV, N3KGG, AA3EP, WU3I, W3IIM, W3IIN, AA3BB, W3BBB, K3KUD and W3STW.

W3IIN reported that the treasury took in 1/3 more than expenses, and the year ended with a fine balance. There have been 68 member's dues paid at meeting time, with 9 family and 2 subscriptions. There were 27 donations to W3TKQ.

K3KUD reported on the Budget Committee, and the 1994 budget was presented to the board. W3STW made the motion to accept the new budget. W3RM seconded. There were no dissenting votes.

KB3IV reported that WB3KOJ is in the process of redoing the directory on his new computer. Those who have not sent in changes to your directory listing are encouraged to do so if necessary. Ed also reported that the workshop flyer is out from The Franklin Institute, and we need a teacher for the spring Ham Classes at The Institute. Those interested contact KB3IV.

AA3BB reported on two new applicants to vote on. They were N3QKZ-Gina Policarpo, and KA3ZHB-Bill Blan-

co, Jr. W3IIN made the motion to accept the applicants. K3KUD seconded the motion. There were no dissenting votes. There are two more for January.

KB3IV reported on the net controls. All working well. W3STW reported that Pottstown 147.21 is having code practice Monday through Friday at 8 p.m.

N3GMH reported that January's speaker will be N3PSO, Paul, about Interfacing Your World-Digitally.

W3BBB reported that the repeater had a 2M transmitter failure on December 12, and again on the 13th. N3DHI responded, but no trouble was found. (12/18 repeater on BBB's bench; UHF on only) The offsites are working well BBB and KUD paid a visit to center city and checked the unit all is well.

AA3EP, on special events, reported there will be a full listing of all 1994 events in the February *Blurb*.

WU3I reported on the VE program. There were 16 examinees with 22 elements a 68% passing rate with 15 CSC-Es dispensed.

W3RM reminded all that the fee is \$5.75 as of January 1, 1994. There were some bad test sessions in California that were shut down by the FCC. There are more technicians licensed than all other classes put together. There will be a new

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A Missal from our Meister

Of Kerchunkers, IDs, et al.

The Board of Directors has suggested that I bring up the subject of identification on W3QV repeater. As trustee, I bear the responsibility for all actions on the repeater. Occasionally, I have to make a phone call about four-letter words. We have all listened to 75 meters and know how profanity is rampant. As Doc. Rose, W3UKF told us, "If you have to swear, your vocabulary needs work." But onward to IDs, etc.

Part 97.117 of the FCC rules says "No unidentified communications" and requires an ID "at least every 10 minutes during a communication, and at the end of a communication." If you kerchunk the repeater, for whatever reason, sign your call. If you enter into a QSO, include your call once every 10 minutes during the QSO, and at the end. It's that simple. Should the FCC get picky and site someone, including me, fines, these days, are in the order of \$5,000 to \$10,000. Contrary to popular belief, I don't have five big ones lying around for this purpose. You don't have to ID with every transmission (I'm probably as guilty as any in this respect), but let's come closer to the rule's intent from now on, please.

On another subject, W3QV, over the twenty some years of its operation, has seen less downtime than any other repeater with which I'm familiar. Some credit must go to the RCA TAC-200 RF deck, and the RC-85 controller, including the bloke who assembled this rag-tag collection of radio parts, for the reliability of the equipment. But going down, and staying down, are two different things altogether. My thanks to [my son] Rick Spencer, N3DHI, for his prompt diagnosis and repair on occasion.

Der Repeatermeister, W3BBB

Amateur Radio Classes

The Penn Wireless Association is sponsoring classes at The Bucks County Community College in Newtown, PA. The classes will begin on Thursday, February 3, and will run weekly through May 5.

For more information, call Steve Ewall, WB3IRC, at 215-752-1202.

Call

1-800-32-NEW-HAM
for free information

Merchant Mariners win Veteran's Benefits

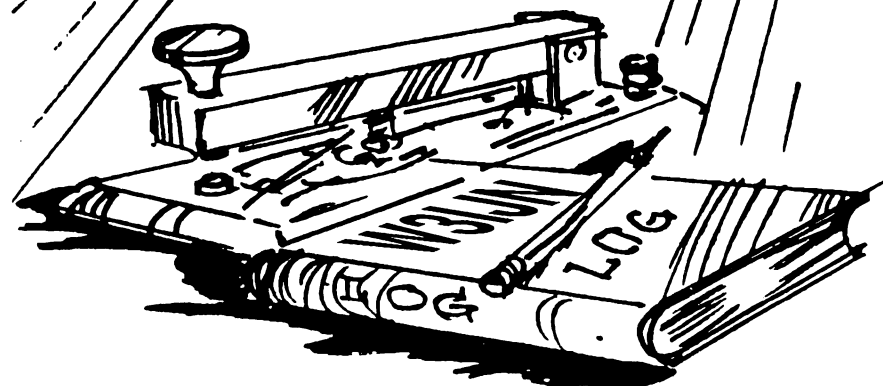
Full veteran status has been given by the government to Merchant Marine Seamen who served during World War II. Benefits to survivors and their families include disability compensation, VA medical care, pensions, VA home loan guarantees and burial rights, including interment in a National Cemetery.

To obtain application form DD 2168 and full details, send a long SASE to: Joan Haber, Combat Merchant mariners WW-II, 14 Castle Drive, Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977.

World Radio—Submitted by Gene Brizendine, W4ATE

PHIL-MONT

Silent Key



William H. Conkle

W3IJN

CW Forever

Bob Wilcox, KE3CZ

Lately there has been quite a bit of talk about the Morse Code, and the possible phasing out of it. Many think that only contesters will hold onto it, and cite the Codeless Technician License for part of the downfall. Others view the quickly growing digital communications as the proverbial axe about to fall. Well, if we care about this hobby, CW will never go away! CW is part of the history of amateur radio.

While the Civil War is an antiquated piece of American History, should we just cast it aside? It is long in the tooth, and they didn't even have tanks or semiautomatic weapons. Still there are thousands of historians who record these events, and reenact the battles, so that we may tap those resources whenever we get the urge.

So what is its relevance to us and our children? It is part of the story of who we are today! In kind, CW is part of the evolutionary chain of amateur radio. Forgetting about it, or letting it fall into obscurity, would be unforgivable.

This doesn't mean that we should fight the no-code techs or the keyboard hams. It is obvious that all we need to do to hold onto this cherished mode of communication, is to keep using it, and educate others about CW and the rest of the amateur radio hobby. It is easier to get the ear of a friend than an enemy, so we must whet the appetites of the newer hams.

The history of amateur radio is very interesting, and many would like to learn about it. The key thing here is that it must be conveyed in a manner that everyone can

understand. I must admit, when I received my first QST, and it had all the charts with regards to solar indexes and the chatter about contests, I thought that this was all beyond me. The problem as I see it, is that we must not make folks feel unwelcome. QST has recognized this as they have a new addition to their magazine, "The New Ham Companion."

Being a ham only about 2 years, I have never been one that thought that CW should be done away with. As an avid packet operator I never viewed CW as something that was outdated. In fact, when I had the opportunity to demonstrate some packet on board the USS Olympia, I became more intrigued by CW. I found it somewhat awkward sitting on a ship of World War I vintage, operating packet into England. A tour around the ship not only made me realize the ruggedness of the sailors that served on her, but as I passed the radio room an uncanny awareness was felt. To think that this ship used some of the earliest of communications equipment! One could only appreciate what amateurs and radio operators have done for us.

In the final analysis, I don't think that the end of CW will happen in any of our lifetimes. The youngsters coming into the hobby have shown great respect for it, and many have studied and passed code elements on their way to upgrading. Someday I may read this article and find my prediction was wrong, but if that is so, sparkling drops will fill the corner of many ham's eyes. CW FOREVER!

To the members of The Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club:

Thank you so much for the donation made to the Samaritan Hospice in Jake's memory. I shall always remember everyone's kindness and thoughtfulness, and the helping hand extended to me during this transition. The tribute you paid him in the Blur was heartwarming.

Fondly, Lorraine Kovalchek

I would like to thank everyone who voted for me in the recent election, and had the confidence in my ability to be a director of PMRC. I look forward to being on the board and having some input as to where the club is headed in the future.



I would also like to thank the awards committee for selecting me to receive the George Weed Memorial Award. I was really surprised to receive it, but I would not have been able to be selected without the help of all the club members who volunteered for the public service events.

Once again, I would like to take this time to thank all of you for your support over the past few years, and hope to see you all again in 1994. We have a full schedule of events coming up, and I know you are all just waiting to hear me give the exact dates. So I wish to see a few new faces also, to make each event more successful.

Thanks again, and Happy New Year!—Charlie Weigand, AA3EP

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2 2M NCS NS3Y 10M NCS W3HFX 75M NCS W3PWG	3	4 CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM W3RM <i>Quadrantid Meteor Shower</i>	5 GENERAL MEETING at The Franklin Institute Refreshments at 7:00 PM Meeting starts after 7:30	6 LICENSE EXAMS at The Franklin Institute Registration begins at 6:00 Doors close at 6:30 PM <i>sharp!</i>	7	8 <i>New Year's Day</i> 1
9 2M NCS N3KGG 10M NCS W3HFX 75M NCS AA3CH	10	11 CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM W3STW	12	13	14	15
16 2M NCS KB2ERL 10M NCS W3HFX 75M NCS AA2FU <i>Martin L. King 1929</i>	17	18 CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM N3ALW	19 DIRECTORS' MEETING at N3GLU & KB3IV's	20	21	22
23 2M NCS KB3IV 10M NCS W3HFX 75M NCS KB3IV <i>Ben Franklin 1706</i>	24	25 CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM N3FVI	26  OPERATORS' NET at 8 PM	27	28	29
30 2M NCS W3BBB 10M NCS W3HFX 75M NCS W3BBB	31			<i>Just when you learn to make the most of it, most of it is gone.</i>		